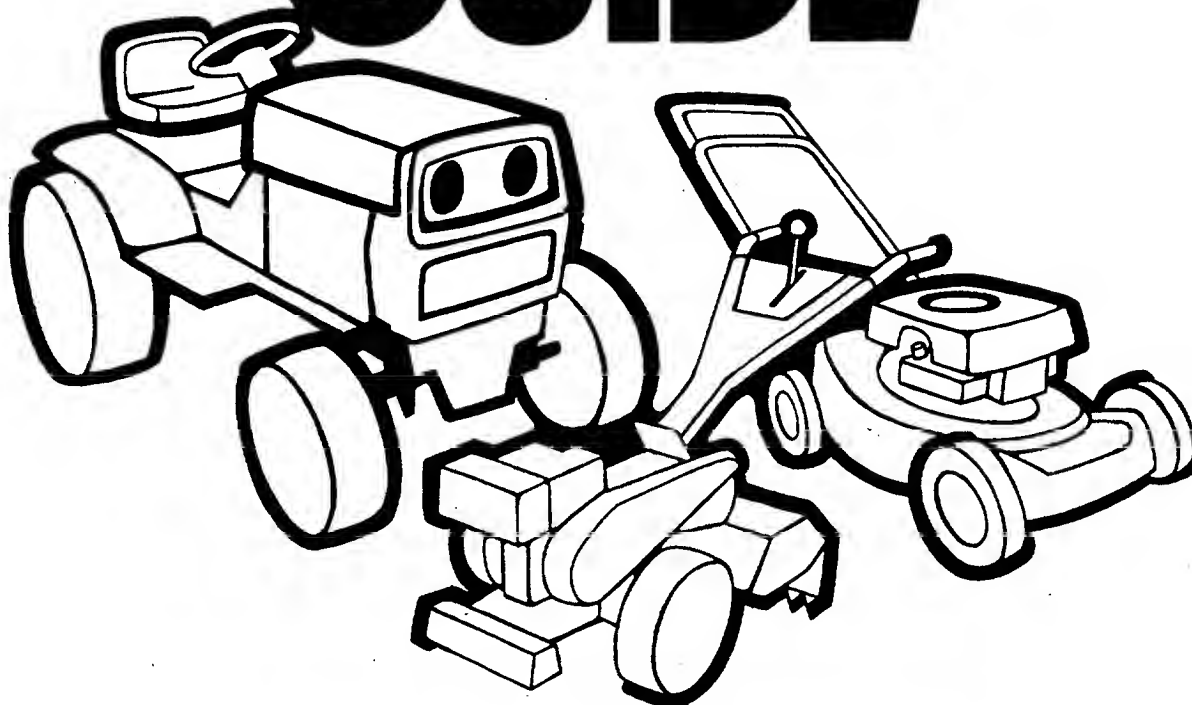


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OWNER'S GUIDE



**20" & 22"
ROTARY
MOWERS**

**Model Numbers
117-074-000
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IMPORTANT: Read Safety Rules and Instructions Carefully

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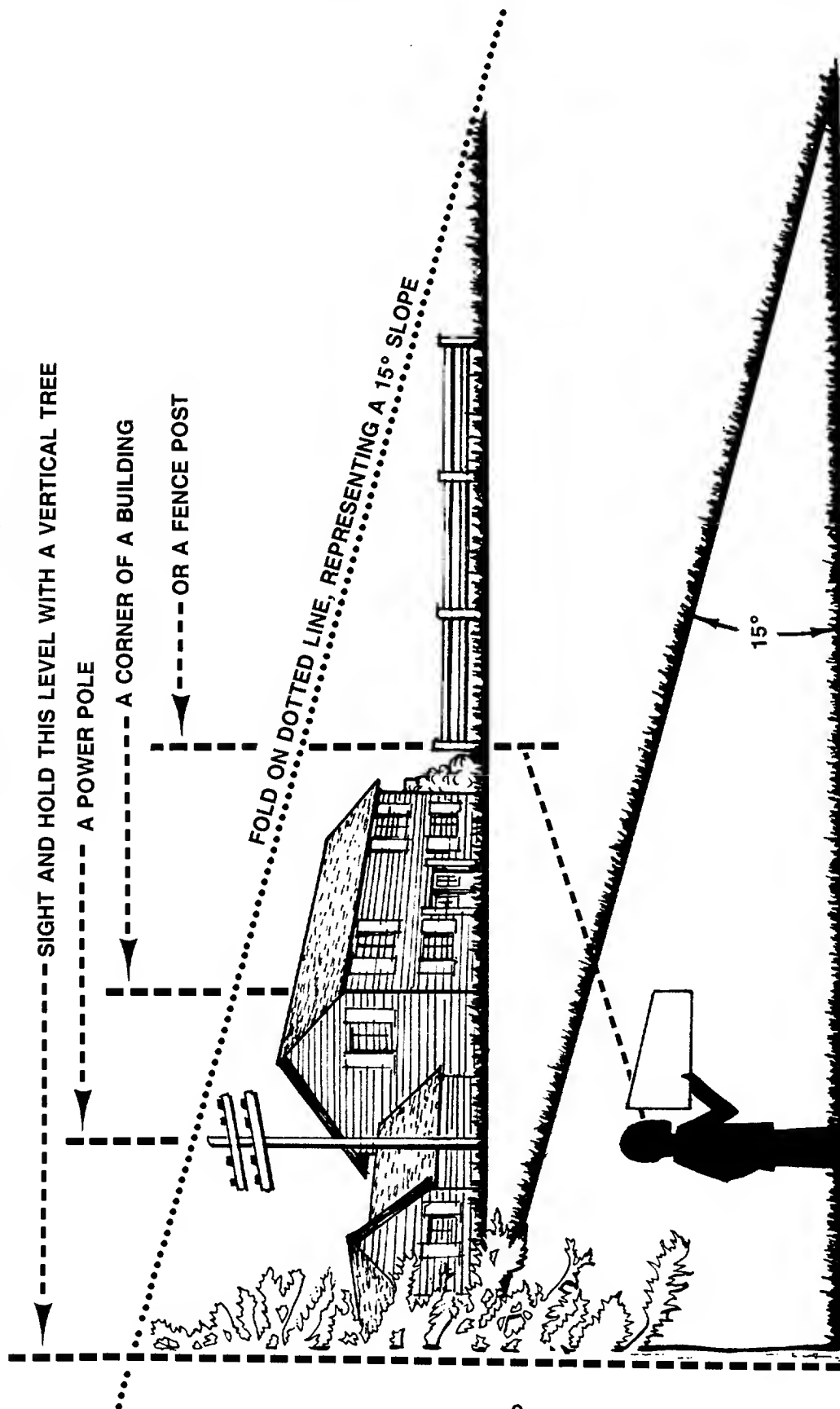
WARNING: This unit is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

In the State of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands. A spark arrester muffler is available at your nearest engine authorized service center.

USE THIS SHEET AS A GUIDE TO DETERMINE SLOPES WHERE YOU MAY NOT OPERATE SAFELY.

SLOPE GAUGE

(Keep this sheet in a safe place for future reference.)



Do not mow on inclines with a slope in excess of 15 degrees (a rise of approximately 2½ feet every 10 feet). A riding mower could overturn and cause serious injury. If operating a walk-behind mower on such a slope, it is extremely difficult to maintain your footing and you could slip, resulting in serious injury.

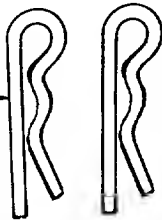
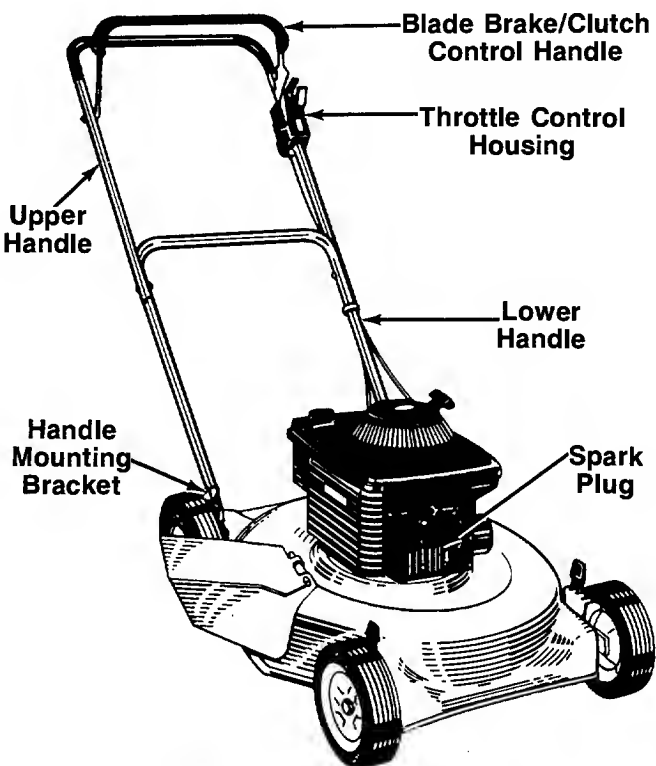
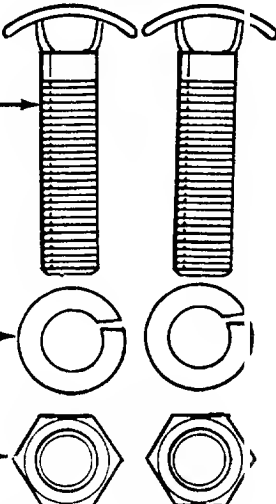

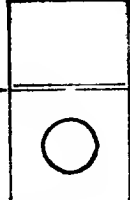
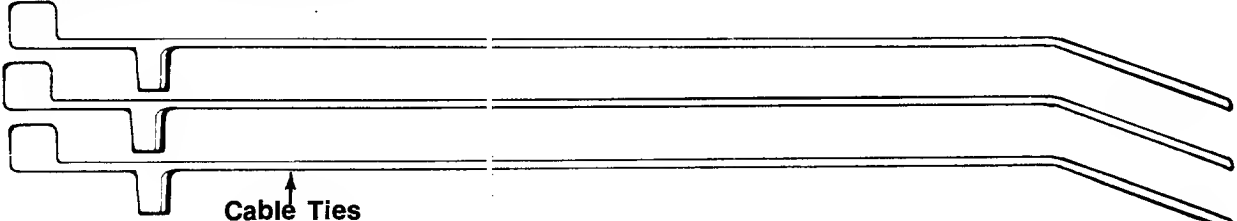
Operate RIDING mowers up and down slopes, never across the face of slopes.

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CONTENTS OF HARDWARE PACK/PARTS IDENTIFICATION

Remove this sheet from your owner's manual and lay the hardware on the illustration for identification purposes. After assembly, keep the Slope Gauge which is on the reverse side of this sheet for future use.

(Hardware pack may contain extra items which are not used on your unit.)


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| A ATTACHING THE LOWER HANDLE  <p>Hairpin Clips</p> |  <p>PARTS IDENTIFICATION</p> |
| B ATTACHING THE UPPER HANDLE  <p>Curved Head Bolts</p> <p>Split Washers 5/16" I.D.</p> <p>Hex Nuts 5/16-18 Thread</p> | |
| C ATTACHING THE BLADE BRAKE/CLUTCH CABLE  <p>Push Cap</p> | |
| D ATTACHING THE THROTTLE CABLE  <p>Cable Clamp</p> | |
| E SECURING THE CABLES  <p>Cable Ties</p> | |



IMPORTANT

RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION



THIS SYMBOL POINTS OUT IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS WHICH, IF NOT FOLLOWED, COULD ENDANGER THE PERSONAL SAFETY AND/OR PROPERTY OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS. READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE YOUR LAWN MOWER. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY. WHEN YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL—  **HEED ITS WARNING.**



DANGER

Your lawn mower was built to be operated according to the rules for safe operation in this manual. As with any type of power equipment, carelessness or error on the part of the operator can result in serious injury. If you violate any of these rules, you may cause serious injury to yourself or others.



TRAINING

1. Read this owner's manual carefully in its entirety before attempting to assemble or operate this machine. Be completely familiar with the controls and the proper use of this machine before operating it. Keep this manual in a safe place for future and regular reference and for ordering replacement parts.
2. Your rotary mower is a precision piece of power equipment, not a plaything. Therefore, exercise extreme caution at all times.
3. Never allow children to operate a power mower. Only persons well acquainted with these rules of safe operation should be allowed to use your mower.
4. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children and pets. Stop engine when they are in the vicinity of your mower to help prevent blade contact or thrown object injury. Although the area of operation should be completely cleared of foreign objects, an object may have been overlooked and could be accidentally thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator or any others allowed in the area.



PREPARATION

1. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones and other foreign objects which could be picked up and thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator or any others allowed in the area.
2. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields during operation or while performing an adjustment or repair, to protect eyes from foreign objects that may be thrown from the machine in any direction.
3. Wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes and close-fitting slacks and shirts to avoid entanglement in the moving parts. Never operate a unit in bare feet, sandals, or sneakers.
4. Check the fuel before starting the engine. Gasoline is an extremely flammable fuel. Do not fill the gasoline tank indoors, while the engine is running, or until engine has been allowed to cool for two minutes after running. Replace gasoline cap securely and wipe off any spilled gasoline before starting the engine as it may cause a fire or explosion.
5. Disengage the self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch on units so equipped before starting the engine.
6. The blade control handle is a safety device. Never attempt to bypass its operation. Doing so makes the safety device inoperative and may result in personal injury through contact with the rotating blade. The blade control handle must operate easily in both directions.
7. Never attempt to make a wheel or cutting height adjustment while the engine is running.
8. Never operate the equipment in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing. A slip and fall can cause serious personal injury. Keep a firm hold on the handle and walk, never run. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.

9. For your safety, use the slope gauge included as part of this manual to measure slopes before operating this unit on a sloped or hilly area. If the slope is greater than 15° as shown on the slope gauge, do not operate this unit on that area or serious injury could result.



OPERATION

1. Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine. Excessive engine speeds are dangerous.
2. Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times as the rotating blade can cause injury.
3. Stop the blade when crossing gravel drives, walks or roads.
4. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, remove the wire from the spark plug, and thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage. Repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.
5. If the equipment should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
6. Shut the engine off and wait until the blade comes to a complete stop before removing the grass catcher or unclogging the chute. The cutting blade continues to rotate for a few seconds after the engine is shut off. Never place any part of the body in the blade area until you are sure the blade has stopped rotating.
7. Before cleaning, repairing or inspecting, make certain the blade and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the spark plug to prevent accidental starting.
8. Do not run the engine indoors.
9. Mow across the face of slopes, never up-and-down. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes. Always be sure of your footing. A slip and fall can cause serious personal injury.
10. Never operate mower without proper guards, plates or other safety protective devices in place.



MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

1. Check the blade and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness.
2. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
3. Never store the equipment with gasoline in the tank inside of a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
4. To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
5. Check the grass catcher bag frequently for wear or deterioration. For safety protection, replace only with new bag meeting original equipment specifications.

Rules for Safe Operation (Continued)

BLADE BRAKE/CLUTCH MAINTENANCE

NOTE: Any required repair work on the blade brake/clutch should be performed by an authorized service dealer. If you cannot locate an authorized service dealer, contact the manufacturer.

1. The blade brake/clutch hand control is a safety device. Never attempt to bypass its operation. Doing so makes the safety device inoperative and may result in personal injury through contact with the rotating blade. This hand control must operate freely in both directions.
2. Striking a solid object can cause damage to the blade brake/clutch or to the engine crankshaft. Extensive vibration of the mower during operation is an indication of damage and the unit should be promptly inspected and repaired.

3. A leak in the lower engine crankshaft oil seal could expose the blade brake/clutch friction pads to excess oil resulting in blade or brake slippage, which could increase the stopping time of the blade. Oil collection on the floor beneath the mower during storage may be an indication of an oil seal leak. The unit should be checked by an authorized service dealer.

4. Periodically inspect the inner control cable in the area where it attaches to the hand control. If the cable becomes frayed, it could cause the blade brake/clutch to operate improperly. Also, be careful to avoid pinching the blade brake/clutch control cable when storing the handle.

IMPORTANT: This unit is shipped WITHOUT GASOLINE or OIL. After assembly, service engine with gasoline and oil as instructed in the separate engine manual packed with your unit.

NOTE: Reference to right or left hand side of the mower is observed from the operating position. Refer to parts identification illustration on page 4 for location of parts when assembling the mower.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Tools Required for Assembly

- (1) 1/2" Wrench*
- (1) 5/16" Wrench or Nutdriver*
- (1) 7/16" Wrench*

*Or one 6" Adjustable Wrench.

UNPACKING

1. Remove the lawn mower from the carton by opening the top flaps and lifting the unit out. Be careful of the staples. Make certain all parts and literature have been removed from the carton before the carton is discarded.
2. Disconnect and ground the spark plug wire against the engine. Check beneath the deck for any cardboard packaging. Remove if present.
3. Stretch out all control cables and place on the floor. Be careful not to bend or kink the cables at any time during assembly.
4. Remove page four from this manual and lay the contents of the hardware pack on the illustration for identification.

ATTACHING THE LOWER HANDLE (Hardware A)

Place lower handle in position over weld pins in handle mounting brackets on the rear of the deck. Make certain the instruction label on the lower handle can be read from the operating position. Secure by placing two hairpin clips in inner hole on weld pins. See figure 1.

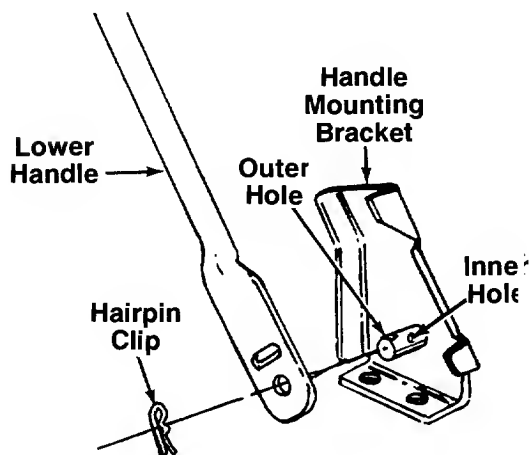


FIGURE 1.

NOTE

There are two (2) holes in the handle mounting brackets. Place hairpin clips in the inner hole for operation. The outer hole is for storage.

NOTE

It may be necessary to bend the ends of the lower handle outward slightly to obtain a snug fit against the bracket.

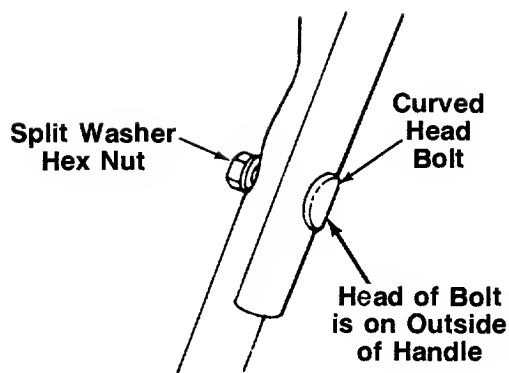


FIGURE 2.

ATTACHING THE UPPER HANDLE (Hardware B)

Place upper handle in position over lower handle. The label on the throttle control housing and the control lever must be facing up. Secure upper handle with two curved head bolts, split washers and hex nuts. See

← figure 2.

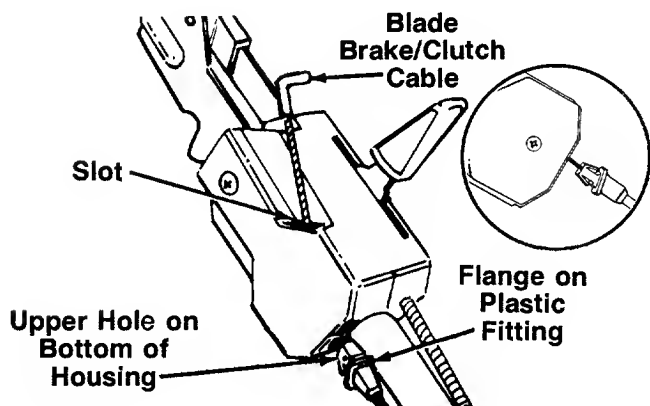


FIGURE 3.

ATTACHING THE BLADE BRAKE/CLUTCH CABLE (Hardware C)

The blade brake/clutch cable is the cable which has an "L" fitting on the loose end, and is attached to the blade brake/clutch underneath the deck.

1. Route the blade brake/clutch cable under the lower handle and inside the handle mounting bracket. Place end of cable into the upper hole on the bottom of the control housing, and through the slot on the side of the housing as shown. The angle of the plastic flange must be positioned downward as shown in figure 3. Be careful not to bend or kink the cable at any time.

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2. Push the plastic flange until it locks into the control housing.



The cable must be assembled as shown for proper blade brake/clutch operation.

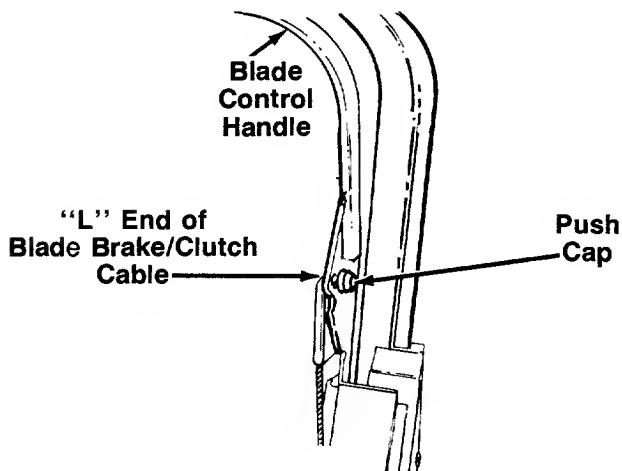


FIGURE 4.

3. Insert the "L" end of the blade brake/clutch cable into the hole in the blade brake/clutch control handle, from the inside to the outside as shown in figure 4. Hold the end of the cable, and press push cap on by hand.

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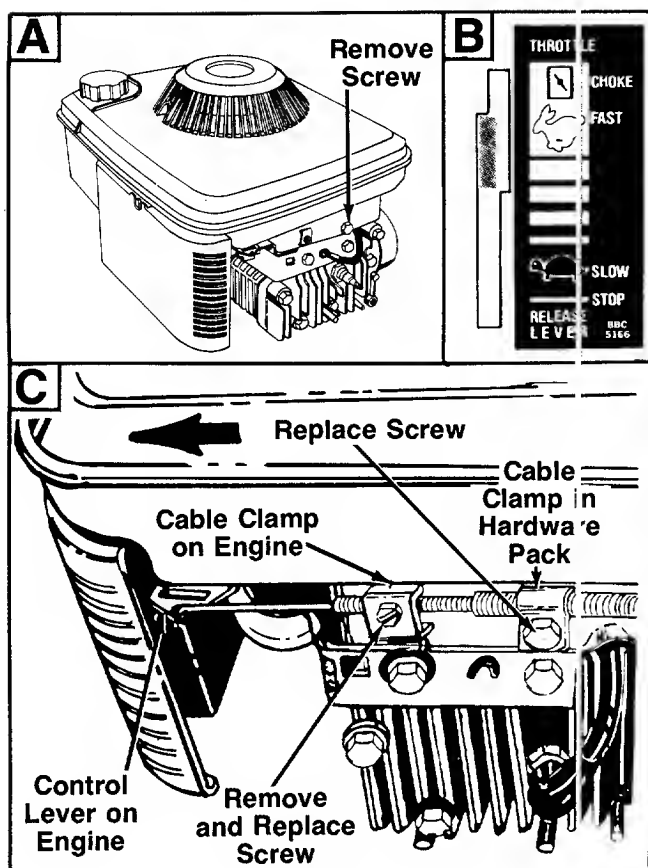


FIGURE 5.

ATTACHING THE THROTTLE CABLE (Hardware D)

1. Using a 7/16" wrench, remove the screw on the engine shown in figure 5A.
2. Move throttle control lever until it stops in FAST position (do not push all the way forward to CHOKE position). See figure 5B.
3. The throttle control cable is attached to the upper handle. Route the throttle control cable under the lower handle and inside the handle mounting bracket. Hook the "Z" end of the throttle control cable into the hole in the control lever on the engine. See figure 5C.
4. Using a 5/16" wrench or nutdriver, remove the screw on the cable clamp shown in figure 5C. Slip the control casing under the clamp. Replace the screw (casing should be above the screw), but do not tighten screw (cable must still move freely beneath the clamp).
5. Slide the control lever on the engine as far toward the outside of the engine as it will go easily (just until resistance is felt) as shown in figure 5C. (Do not force it into the extreme outside position, which is the CHOKE position.) Tighten the screw to secure the throttle control cable in this position.
6. Loosen the screw on the clamp on the side of the engine. Slip the cable casing under the clamp to secure the cable **away from the muffler**. Be careful not to bend or kink the cable. Tighten the screw.
7. Secure cable casing to the front of engine with cable clamp provided in hardware pack and screw removed from engine in step 1 as shown in figure 5C. Do not overtighten.

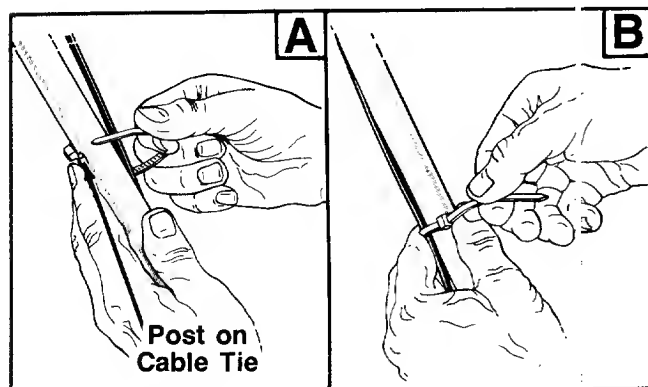


FIGURE 6.

SECURING THE CABLES (Hardware E)

Secure all control cables to the left side of the handle as follows.

- A. Insert posts on cable ties into holes provided on the inside of the left handle, one on the upper handle and two on the lower handle. See figure 6A.
- B. Secure the cables with the cable ties. See figure 6B.
- C. Trim excess ends of cable ties.

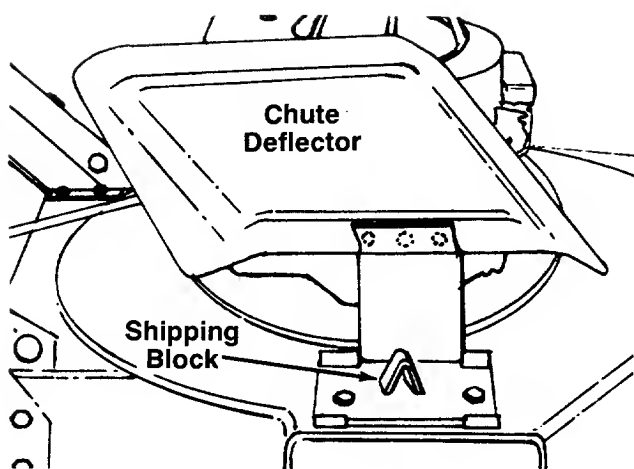


FIGURE 7.

FINAL ASSEMBLY OF MOWER

1. If unit is equipped with optional hub caps, attach hub caps to the wheels by lining up the four tabs on the hub caps with the four holes in the wheels. Push to lock in position.
2. The chute deflector on your mower is held in an upright position by a "V" block for shipping purposes only. This "V" block must be removed and discarded before the mower is put into operation. See figure 7.

To remove the "V" block, pull the spring-loaded chute toward the engine. Remove the "V" block and carefully lower the chute into operating position, keeping fingers out of the way.

3. Make certain **all** nuts and bolts are tightened securely.

CONTROLS



FIGURE 8.

THROTTLE CONTROL

The throttle is located on the left side of handle. It controls engine speed. See figure 8.

BLADE BRAKE/CLUTCH CONTROL

The blade brake/clutch control is located on the upper handle of the mower. The blade brake/clutch handle engages and disengages the blade.

To engage the blade, pull the side release lever away from the unit. See figure 8. Pull the blade brake/clutch control handle against the upper handle. Release side lever.

Release the blade brake/clutch control handle to stop the blade from turning.

OPERATION



FIGURE 9.

Keep hands and feet away from the chute area on cutting deck. See figure 9.

WARNING
THIS CONTROL MECHANISM IS A
SAFETY DEVICE. NEVER ATTEMPT
TO BYPASS ITS OPERATIONS

➡ NOTE

For shipping purposes your mower is set with the wheels in a low cutting height position. For best results raise the cutting position until it is determined which height is best for your lawn. See cutting height adjustment section.

GAS AND OIL FILL-UP

Service the engine with gasoline and oil as instructed in the separate engine manual packed with your mower. Read instructions carefully.

➡ NOTE

Your unit has been shipped without oil; however, a small amount of oil may be present from the factory. Do not overfill.



Never fill fuel tank indoors, with engine running or until the engine has been allowed to cool for at least two minutes after running.

TO START ENGINE

1. Attach spark plug wire to spark plug.
2. Open fuel shut-off valve, located beneath the fuel tank. See figure 10.

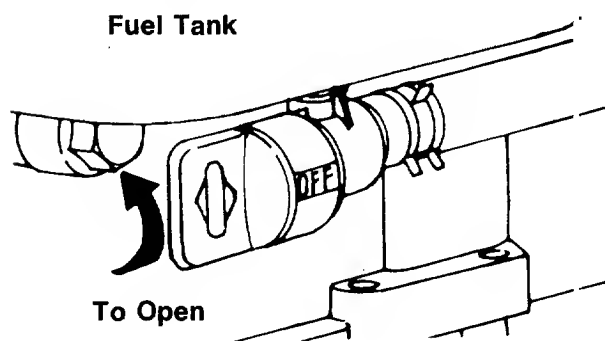


FIGURE 10.

3. Move throttle control lever to CHOKE position.
4. With the blade brake/clutch handle **released**, crank engine by pulling recoil starter with a quick firm pull. Do not pull out so far that rope stops with a jerk as this will cause rope failure. Do not allow rope and handle to snap back into place.
5. After engine starts, move throttle control to desired engine speed.

TO STOP ENGINE

1. Move throttle control lever to STOP position.
2. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and ground against the engine to prevent accidental starting while equipment is unattended.

➡ NOTE

If any problems are encountered, refer to the Trouble Shooting Chart on page 15.

TO ENGAGE THE BLADE

1. Start engine as instructed above. Allow the engine to warm up for **one minute** before attempting to engage the blade.
2. To engage the blade, pull the side release lever away from the unit. Pull the blade brake/clutch control handle down against the upper handle. Release the side lever. See figure 8.

➡ NOTE

If a warm engine falters or stalls when attempting to engage the blade, refer to Carburetor Adjustment Section of this owner's manual.

3. Release the blade brake/clutch control handle to stop the blade from turning.

➡ NOTE

Always release the blade brake/clutch control handle before stopping the engine. If the engine begins to stall, release the blade brake/clutch control handle immediately.

Should the engine stall with the blade brake/clutch control in the operating position (control handle **not** released), difficulty may be encountered in pulling the starter rope to restart the engine. Proceed as follows.

1. Disconnect the spark plug wire from the spark plug.
2. Move the throttle lever to STOP position.
3. Hold the blade brake/clutch control in the engaged position.
4. While holding the blade brake/clutch control handle in this position, pull the starter rope.
5. As the starter rope is being pulled, release the blade brake/clutch control handle.

The starter rope should now operate correctly. Reconnect the spark plug wire for normal operation.

USING YOUR ROTARY MOWER

Be sure that lawn is clear of stones, sticks, wire, or other objects which could damage lawn mower or engine. Such objects could be accidentally thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator and others.

Operate a new engine at intermediate speeds and light load for the first few hours as you would a new automotive engine.

For the best results, do not cut wet grass because it tends to stick to the underside of the mower, preventing proper discharge of grass clippings, and could cause you to slip and fall. New grass, thick grass or wet grass may require a narrower cut. Blade speed should be adjusted to the condition of the lawn.

The best mowing pattern is one that allows the clippings to discharge towards the uncut part of the lawn. This permits recutting of the clippings to further pulverize them. When cutting high weeds, discharge towards cut portion, then recut at right angles to first direction.

For best results, cut off one-third or less of the total length of the grass. Lawn should be cut in the fall as long as there is growth.

This mower is designed to be operated at full throttle to give you the best cut and do the most effective job of bagging the cut grass.

➡ IMPORTANT

If you strike a foreign object, stop the engine. Remove wire from spark plug, thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.

Striking a solid object can cause damage to the blade brake/clutch or to the engine crankshaft. Extensive vibration of the mower during operation is an indication of damage. The unit should be promptly inspected and repaired.

ADJUSTMENTS



WARNING

Do not at any time make any adjustment to lawn mower without first stopping engine and disconnecting spark plug wire.

CUTTING HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

An adjusting plate and thumb lever at each wheel position provides cutting height adjustment. Each adjusting plate has nine height positions. Height of cut will be changed when the thumb lever is moved from one hole to another. Simply depress the lever towards wheel and move wheel and lever assembly to desired position. See figure 11.

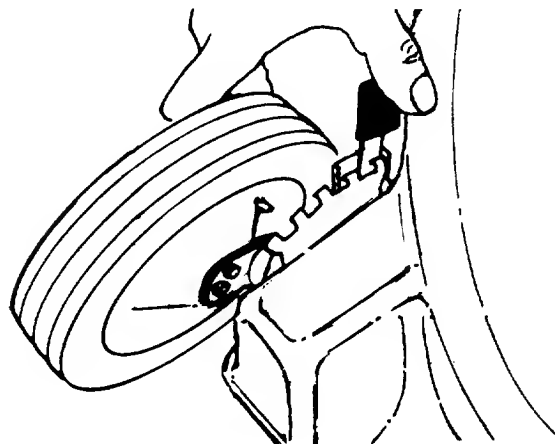


FIGURE 11.

For rough or uneven lawns, move the wheels to a position which will give a higher cutting height.

THROTTLE

The throttle control wire assembly can be adjusted if necessary. Loosen the screw on the cable clamp closest to the control lever on engine. Adjust as instructed in step 5 of "Attaching the Throttle Control Cable" in Assembly Instructions.

CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENTS



WARNING

If any adjustments are made to the engine while the engine is running (e.g. carburetor), disengage all clutches and blades. Keep clear of all moving parts. Be careful of heated surfaces and muffler.

Minor carburetor adjustments may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude and load. Refer to the separate engine manual packed with your mower.

➡ NOTE

If a warm engine falters or stalls when attempting to engage the blade, the carburetor mixture should be adjusted 1/8 turn richer (counter-clockwise). See figure 12.

The carburetor should be adjusted with the air cleaner in place and the blade control handle in the blade disengaged position.

NOTE

A dirty air cleaner will cause an engine to run rough. Be certain air cleaner is clean before adjusting carburetor. Refer to the separate engine manual.

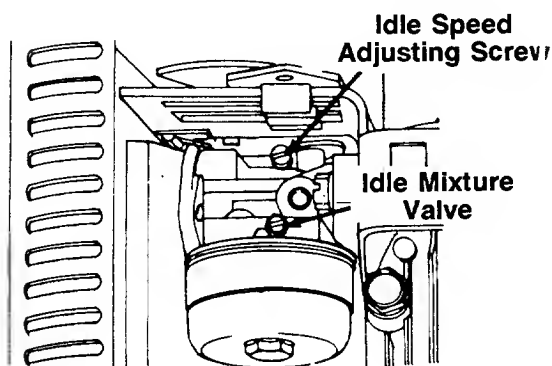


FIGURE 12.

LUBRICATION



WARNING

Always stop engine and disconnect spark plug wire before cleaning, lubricating or doing any kind of work on lawn mower.

Blade Brake/Clutch—Lubricate the pivot points on the blade brake/clutch handle and the cable at least once a season with light oil. The control must operate freely in both directions.

Chute Deflector—The torsion spring and pivot point should be lubricated periodically with light oil to prevent any rust or binding. Deflector must work freely.

Wheels—Mower may be provided with ball bearing wheels. Lubricate at least once a season with light oil. Also, if the wheels are removed for any reason, lubricate the surface of the axle bolt and the inner surface of the wheel with light oil. A 4 oz. plastic bottle of light oil lubricant is available. Order part number 737-0170. Engine oil may also be used.

Engine—Follow engine manual for lubrication instructions.

Throttle—Periodically lubricate throttle control lever and throttle wire assembly with a few drops of light oil for ease of operation.

MAINTENANCE



WARNING

Be sure to disconnect and ground the spark plug wire before performing any repairs or maintenance.

NOTE

When tipping the unit, empty the fuel tank and keep engine spark plug side up.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

Refer to page 15 of this manual for trouble shooting information.

CUTTING BLADE

To remove the cutting blade for sharpening or replacement, remove the two hex nuts and lock washers which hold the blade to the blade brake/clutch. Protect hands by using heavy gloves or a rag to grasp the cutting blade. See figure 13.

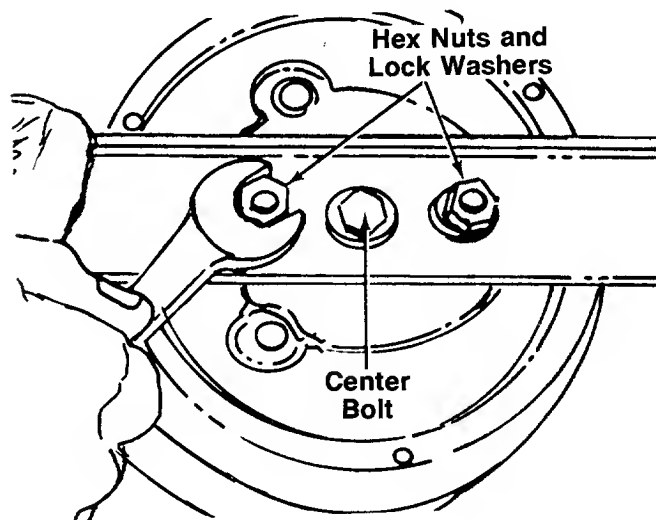


FIGURE 13.

When sharpening the blade, follow the original angle of grind as a guide. It is **extremely important** that each cutting edge receives an equal amount of grinding to prevent an unbalanced blade. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration when rotating at high speeds, may cause damage to the mower and could break, causing personal injury.

The blade can be tested for balance by balancing it on a round shaft screwdriver. Remove metal from the heavy side until it balances evenly.

When replacing the blade, be sure to install the blade with the side of the blade marked "Bottom" (or with part number) facing the ground when the mower is in the operating position.

Blade Mounting Torque

Make certain that the center bolt which secures the blade brake/clutch and the two hex nuts which secure the blade are tightened to between 350 inch pounds (minimum) and 600 inch pounds (maximum).

To insure safe operation of your unit, ALL nuts and bolts must be checked periodically for correct tightness.

DECK

The underside of mower deck should be cleaned after each period of use as grass clippings, leaves, dirt and other matter will accumulate. This accumulation of grass clippings, etc., is undesirable as it will invite rust and corrosion and may cause an uneven discharge of grass clippings at the next cutting.

The deck may be cleaned by tilting the mower forward or on its side and scraping clean with a suitable tool or by washing with a stream of water from a garden hose.

NOTE

Do not direct the stream of water at a hot engine as damage to the engine may result.

ENGINE

Refer to separate engine manual for all engine maintenance instructions.

Maintain **engine oil** as instructed in the separate engine manual packed with your unit. Read and follow instructions carefully.

Service **air cleaner** every 25 hours under normal conditions. Clean every few hours under extremely dusty conditions. Poor engine performance and flooding usually indicates that the air cleaner should be serviced.

The **spark plug** should be cleaned and the gap reset once a season. Spark plug replacement is recommended at the start of each mowing season; check engine manual for correct plug type and gap specifications.

BLADE BRAKE/CLUTCH

This unit is equipped with a blade brake/clutch. If for some reason the blade brake/clutch becomes inoperative, it is suggested that all repair work on the blade brake/clutch should be performed by an authorized service dealer. The unit should be inspected by an authorized service dealer if any of the following conditions are noticed.

1. Frayed clutch control cable.
2. Leaking oil seal (oil collection on the floor during mower storage).
3. Extensive vibration of the unit.

Blade Brake/Clutch Removal

1. Disconnect the spark plug wire and ground it against the engine block.
2. Empty fuel tank and drain oil from crankcase.
3. Remove the cable ties which secure control cables to the handle.
4. Disconnect the blade brake/clutch cable from the clutch control handle by removing the push cap, using a pair of pliers.

NOTE

A new push cap is needed for re-assembly.

5. Remove two truss machine screws on the inside of the control housing as shown in figure 14.
6. Loosen the truss machine screw on the outside of the control housing until the two halves of control housing can be separated enough for the control cable to be freed. Slide the blade brake/clutch cable out of the control housing.
7. Retighten the truss machine screws on the control housing.

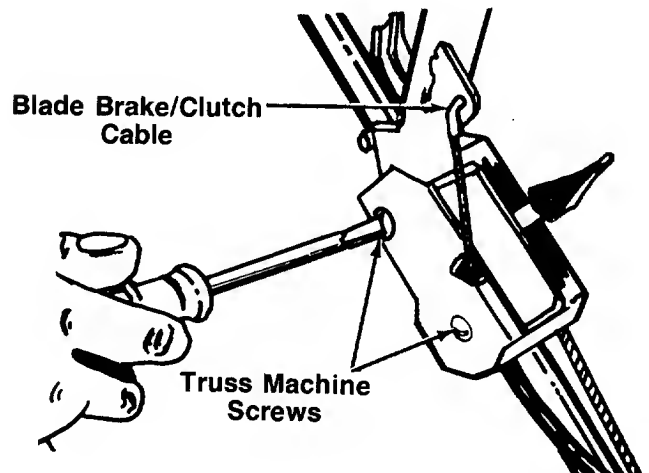


FIGURE 14.

8. Disconnect the throttle control cable from the engine by loosening screw on engine and disconnecting the "Z" fitting. Refer to figure 5.
9. Tip the mower on its side. Remove the blade by removing two hex nuts and lock washers. Refer to figure 13.

NOTE

When reassembling, tighten hex nuts to between 350 and 600 in. lbs.

10. Remove the center bolt as follows.

- a. Insert a screwdriver into the slot provided in the blade brake/clutch housing where the control cable enters housing. See figure 15.
- b. Place a 9/16" wrench on the center bolt. Turn the wrench slowly until the screwdriver catches in a groove provided inside the clutch. The screwdriver will now keep the clutch from turning, and the center bolt, and two belleville washers may be removed.

➡ IMPORTANT

Upon reassembly, be certain to tighten center bolt to between 350 and 600 in. lbs.

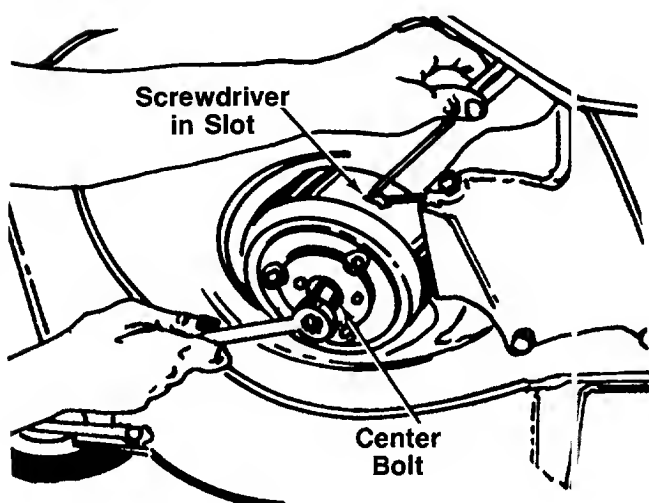


FIGURE 15.

11. Support the engine with one hand. Remove the three self-tapping screws which secure the deck and blade brake/clutch to the engine. A 1/2" socket wrench is required. See figure 16.

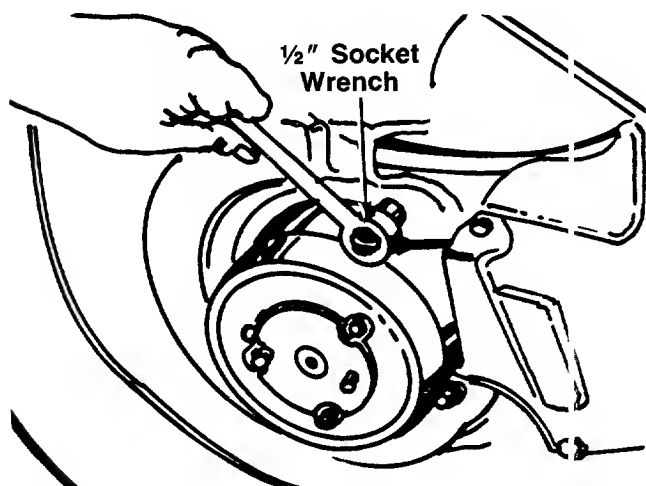


FIGURE 16.

12. Slide the blade brake/clutch cable through the hole in the deck as you lift off the engine and blade brake/clutch. Be careful not to kink control cable.
13. Remove blade brake/clutch from engine crankshaft.

Blade Brake/Clutch Installation

1. Place the new blade brake/clutch on engine crankshaft. Line up holes on blade brake/clutch with mounting holes on engine.
2. Place the two belleville washers onto crankshaft. Cupped side of washers must be against the blade brake/clutch. Secure with hex bolt finger tight only.
3. Place cable through engine mounting hole on deck.
4. Reverse steps 1 through 12 of preceding section for reassembly.

OFF-SEASON STORAGE

The following steps should be taken to prepare lawn mower for storage.

1. Clean and lubricate mower thoroughly as described in the lubrication instructions.
2. Refer to engine manual for correct engine storage instructions.
3. Coat mower's cutting blade with chassis grease to prevent rusting.
4. Store mower in a dry, clean area.

➡ NOTE

When storing any type of power equipment in an unventilated or metal storage shed, care should be taken to rustproof the equipment. Using a light oil or silicone, coat the equipment, especially the bearings and cables.

HANDLE STORAGE

The handle can be stored in an upright position to take less space. Move hairpin clips to outer hole on weld pins (see figure 1). Grasp the lower handle at the bottom and push inward slightly. Tip the handle forward. It will lock in this position. Reverse this procedure to place the handle in the operating position.

➡ NOTE

Be careful not to kink or pinch blade brake/clutch cable when storing the handle.

Trouble Shooting Chart

| Symptom | Possible Cause(s) | Corrective Action |
|---|--|---|
| 1 Engine fails to start | A Check fuel tank for gas B Fuel shut-off valve closed C Spark plug lead wire disconnected D Throttle control lever not in the starting position E Faulty spark plug F Carburetor improperly adjusted, engine flooded. G Old stale gasoline | A Fill tank if empty. B Open fuel shut-off valve. C Connect lead wire. D Move throttle lever to start position. E Clean, adjust gap or replace.† F Remove spark plug, dry the plug, crank engine with plug removed, and throttle in off position. Replace spark plug and lead wire and resume starting procedures. G Drain and refill with fresh gasoline. |
| 2 Hard starting or loss of power | A Spark plug wire loose B Carburetor improperly adjusted C Dirty air cleaner | A Connect and tighten spark plug wire. B Adjust carburetor.† C Clean air cleaner.† |
| 3 Operation erratic | A Dirt in gas tank B Dirty air cleaner C Water in fuel supply D Vent in gas cap plugged E Carburetor improperly adjusted | A Remove the dirt and fill tank with fresh gas. B Clean air cleaner.† C Drain contaminated fuel and fill tank with fresh gas. D Clear vent or replace gas cap. E Adjust carburetor.† |
| 4 Occasional skip (hesitates) at high speed | A Carburetor idle speed too slow B Spark plug gap too close C Carburetor idle mixture adjustment improperly set | A Adjust carburetor.† B Adjust to .030". C Adjust carburetor.† |
| 5 Idles poorly | A Spark plug fouled, faulty, or gap too wide B Carburetor improperly adjusted C Dirty air cleaner | A Reset gap to .030" or replace spark plug. B Adjust carburetor.† C Clean air cleaner.† |
| 6 Engine overheats | A Carburetor not adjusted properly B Air flow restricted C Engine oil level low | A Adjust carburetor.† B Remove blower housing and clean.† C Fill crankcase with the proper oil. |
| 7 Excessive vibration | A Cutting blade loose or unbalanced B Bent blade | A Tighten blade. Balance blade. B Replace blade. |

†Refer to the separate engine manual packed with your unit.

Note: For repairs beyond the minor adjustments listed above, contact your local authorized service dealer.

➡ NOTE

The use of any accessory on these Rotary Mowers other than those manufactured by the mower manufacturer is **not** recommended.

GRASS CATCHER Model 065 is available as optional equipment for the mower shown in this manual.



WARNING

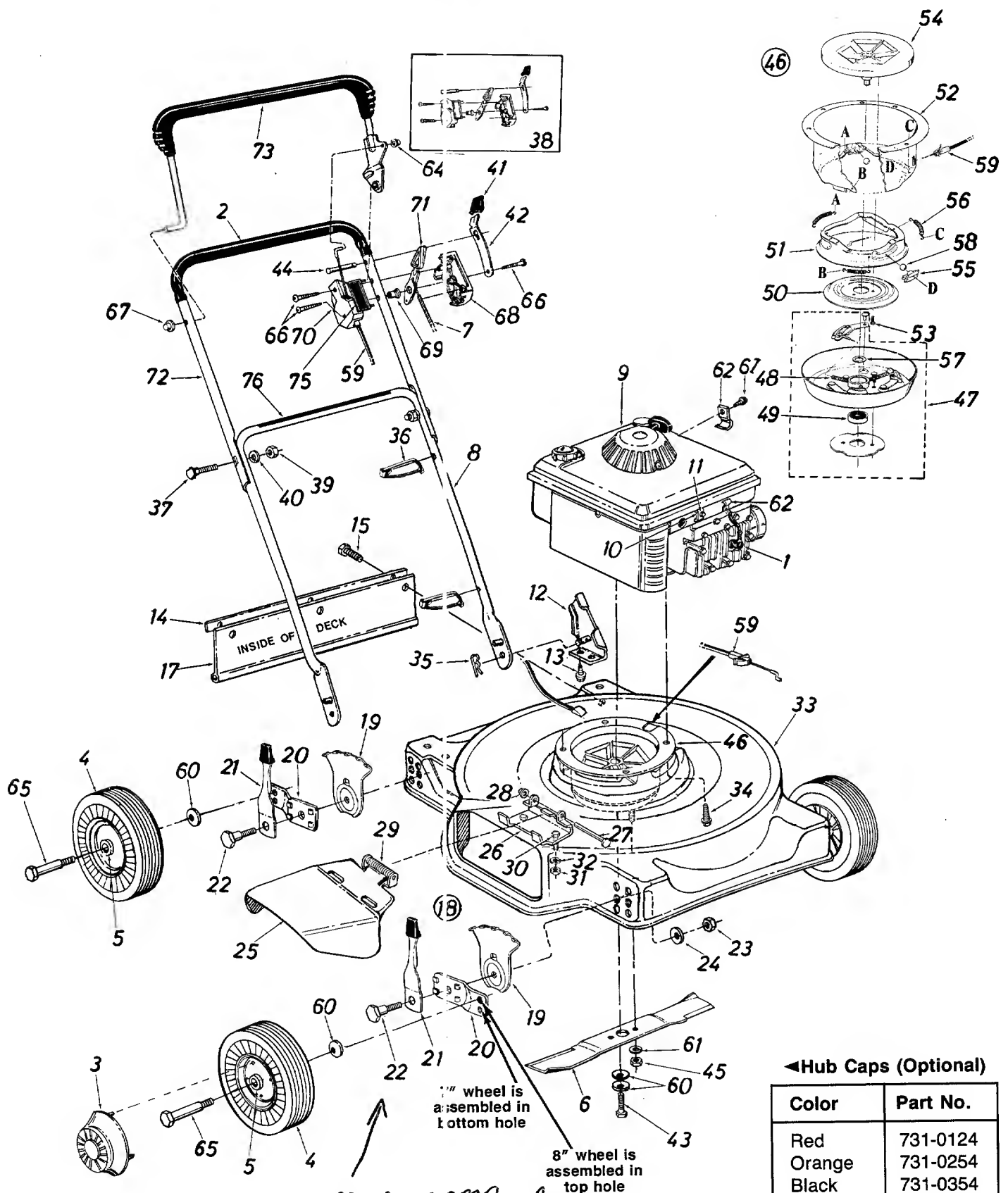
1. DO NOT operate the mower without the entire grass catcher or chute deflector in place.
2. DO NOT operate the mower without the protective shield on the rear of the deck in place.

➡ NOTE

Under normal usage bag material is subject to wear and should be checked periodically. Be sure any replacement bag complies with the mower manufacturer's recommendations.

For replacement bags, use only factory authorized replacement bag No. 764-0217.

Models 074 and 084



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◀Hub Caps (Optional)



| Color | Part No. |
|--------|----------|
| Red | 731-0124 |
| Orange | 731-0254 |
| Black | 731-0354 |
| Gray | 731-0355 |

Models 074 and 084

PARTS LIST FOR MODELS 074 AND 084 ROTARY MOWERS

| REF. NO. | PART NO. | COLOR CODE | DESCRIPTION | NEW PART | REF. NO. | PART NO. | COLOR CODE | DESCRIPTION | NEW PART |
|----------|----------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 735-0639 | | Spark Plug Boot | | 38 | 753-0431 | | Kit—Control Housing Comp. | |
| 2 | 718-0145 | | Gript | | 39 | 712-0267 | | Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd.* | |
| 3 | ◀ | | Hub Cap | | 40 | 736-0119 | | L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.* | |
| 4 | ** | | Wheel Ass'y. Comp. | | 41 | 720-0190 | | Spring Lever Knob | |
| 5 | ** | | Bearing | | 42 | 732-0401 | | Lock Out Spring | |
| 6 | 742-0220 | | 20" Blade (074) | | 43 | 710-0818 | | Hex Cent. L- Bolt 3/8-24 | |
| | 742-0222 | | 22" Blade (084) | | | | | x 2.00" Lg. | |
| 7 | 746-0632 | | Throttle Control Wire—53" | | 44 | 711-0719 | | Lock Pin .75" Dia. x 1.80 | |
| 8 | 749-0373 | | Lower Handle | | 45 | 712-0328 | | Special Hex Nut 5/16-24 Thd. | |
| 9 | — | | Engine | | 46 | 717-0482 | | Blade Brake Clutch Ass'y. | |
| 10 | 751-0442 | | Casing Clamp | N | | | | Comp. | |
| 11 | 710-0436 | | Hex B-Tap Scr. #10 x .62" | | 47 | 14300 | | Clutch Blade Housing Ass'y. | |
| 12 | 12935 | | Handle Mount Brkt. Ass'y.— | | 48 | 732-0396 | | Comp. Spring .35" O.D. x | |
| | | | L.H. | | | | | 2.00" Lg. | |
| | 12936 | | Handle Mount Brkt. Ass'y.— | | 49 | 741-0124 | | Ball Brg. .669" I.D. x 1.574" | |
| | | | R.H. (Not Shown) | | | | | O.D. | |
| 13 | 710-0603 | | Hex Wash. Hd. B-Tap Scr. | | 50 | 14304 | | Clutching Cone | |
| | | | 5/16-18 x .50" Lg. | | 51 | 14305 | | Brake Cup Cone | |
| 14 | 14846 | | Retaining Strip | | 52 | 14306 | | Clutch Housing | |
| 15 | 710-0776 | | Hex Wash. Hd. AB-Tap Scr. | | 53 | 710-0875 | | Hex Wash. TT-Tap Cl.-Scr. | |
| | | | 1/4" x .62" Lg. | | | | | 1/4-20 x .75" Lg. | |
| 17 | 731-0575 | | Rear Flap Ass'y. | | 54 | 719-0256 | | Fan Adapter | |
| 18 | 14578 | | Height Adj. Ass'y.—R.H. | | 55 | 731-0520 | | Ball Block | |
| | 14579 | | Height Adj. Ass'y.—L.H. | | 56 | 732-0397 | | Extension Spring .35" O.D. x | |
| | | | (Not Shown) | | | | | 1.75" Lg. | |
| 19 | 15261 | | Height Adj. Plate | | 57 | 736-0333 | | FI-Wash. .690" I.D. x 1.060" | |
| 20 | 15262 | | Pivot Bar | | 58 | 741-0326 | | Steel Ball .500" Dia. | |
| 21 | 14832 | | Spring Lever w/Knob | | 59 | 746-0402A | | Clutch Cable—43" (Incl. | |
| 22 | 738-0507 | | Shld. Bolt .500" Dia. x .375 | | | | | Ref. 64) | |
| 23 | 712-0798 | | Hex Nut 3/8-16 Thd.* | | 60 | 736-0105 | | Bell-Wash. .400" I.D. x .88" | |
| 24 | 736-0356 | | Bell-Wash. .39" I.D. x 1.4" | | 61 | 736-0169 | | L-Wash. 3/8" I.D.* | |
| | | | O.D. | | 62 | 12894 | | Casing Clamp | |
| 25 | 14944 | | Chute Deflector Ass'y. Comp. | | 63 | 710-0429 | | Hex B-Tap Scr. #10 x .38" | |
| 26 | 11130 | | Deflector Hinge Plate | | 64 | 726-0245 | | Push Cap | |
| 27 | 711-0555 | | Pivot Pin | | 65 | 738-0102 | | Axle Bolt | N |
| 28 | 726-0106 | | Cap Speed Nut 1/4" Rod | | 66 | 710-0796 | | Truss Mach. Hi-B Tap Scr. | |
| 29 | 732-0253 | | Torsion Spring | | | | | #12 x 1.50" Lg. | |
| 30 | 710-0289 | | Hex Bolt 1/4-20 x .50" Lg.* | | 67 | 726-0135 | | Cap Speed Nut 5/16" Rod | |
| 31 | 712-0287 | | Hex Nut 1/4-20 Thd.* | | 68 | 731-0817 | | Control Panel Half | |
| 32 | 736-0329 | | L-Wash. 1/4" I.D.* | | 69 | 731-0524 | | Control Disc Pin | |
| 33 | 16300 | | 20" Deck Ass'y. | | 70 | 731-0816 | | Clutch Panel Half | |
| | 16302 | | 22" Deck Ass'y. | | 71 | 731-0528 | | Throttle Control Lever | |
| 34 | 710-0654 | | Hex Wash. Hd. TT-Tap Scr. | | 72 | 749-0536 | | Upper Handle | |
| | | | 3/8-16 x 1.00" Lg. | | 73 | 731-0609 | | Control Handle Ass'y. | |
| 35 | 714-0104 | | Intern. Cot. Pin 5/16" Dia. | | 75 | 777-5772 | | Control Label—Throttle | |
| 36 | 726-0240 | | Cable Tie | N | 76 | 777-5775 | | Instruction Label—Handle | |
| 37 | 710-0671 | | Curved Carriage Bolt 5/16-18 | | — | 8074-000-7 | | Hardware Pack | |
| | | | x 1.38" Lg. | | | | | | |

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| Plastic Rim | | | | Steel Rim | | |
| Size |   | | Size | Tread Type | | Bearings |
| | | | | Twinline | Waffle | |
| | | | | | | |
| 7 x 1.5 | 734-0840 | 734-1161 | 7 x 1.5 | 734-0876 | 734-0893 | Ball Brgs. 3/8" I.D.-741-0267, 1/2" I.D.-741-0484, Spacer-750-0434 (Use Axle Bolt 710-0347) |
| 8 x 1.75 | 734-0841 | 734-1162 | 8 x 1.75 | 734-0643 | 734-0645 | |
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NOTE

This instruction manual covers various models and all specifications shown do not necessarily apply to your model. Specifications subject to change without notice or obligation.

NOTE: The engine is not under warranty by the mower manufacturer...If repairs or service is needed on the engine, please contact your nearest authorized engine service outlet. Check the "Yellow Pages" of your telephone book under "Engines—Gasoline."

Find It Fast
In The
Yellow Pages



*For faster service obtain standard nuts, bolts and washers locally. If these items cannot be obtained locally, order by part number and size as shown on parts list.

If color or finish is important when ordering parts, use the appropriate color code shown below [i.e. (part no.)-463 for Topflite Red Finish].

Color Codes

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 312—White | 463—Topflite Red |
| 436—Radiant Yellow | 480—Brilliant Green |
| 447—Patina Silver | 483—Charcoal Grey |
| 452—Black | 499—Beige |
| 456—Radiant Tangerine | 606—Majestic Orange |
| 460—Green Flake | 629—Silver Flake |

PARTS INFORMATION

POWER EQUIPMENT PARTS AND SERVICE

Parts and service are available through the authorized service firms listed below. All orders should specify the model number of your unit, part numbers, description of parts and the quantity of each part required.

NOTE: If any parts are found to be missing or defective upon assembly of this unit, write to advise the factory so that immediate replacement can be made.

| | |
|---|--|
| ALABAMA | BIRMINGHAM |
| Auto Electric & Carburetor Co. | 2625 4th Ave. S. 5233 |
| ARKANSAS | NORTH LITTLE ROCK |
| Sutton's Lawn Mower Shop. | 5301 Roundtop Drive Box 368, Rt. 4 2117 |
| CALIFORNIA | PORTERVILLE |
| Billious | 75 North D Street 3257 |
| COLORADO | DENVER |
| Spitzer Industrial Products Co. | 6601 N. Washington St. 30229 |
| FLORIDA | JACKSONVILLE |
| Radco Distributors | 4909 Victor St. Box 5459 32207 |
| | HIALEAH |
| Small Eng. Dist. | 7995 W. 26th Court 3016 |
| GEORGIA | EAST POINT |
| East Point Cycle & Key Inc. | 2834 Church St. 30344 |
| ILLINOIS | LYONS |
| Keen Edge Co. | 8615 Ogden Ave. 30534 |
| INDIANA | ELKHART |
| Parts & Sales Inc. | 2101 Industrial Pkwy. 46516 |
| IOWA | DUBUQUE |
| Power Lawn & Garden Equip. | 2551 J.F. Kennedy. 52001 |
| LOUISIANA | NEW ORLEANS |
| Suhren Engine Co. | 8330 Earhart Blvd. 70118 |
| MARYLAND | TAKOMA PARK |
| Center Supply Co. | 6867 New Hampshire Ave. 20912 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | SPRINGFIELD |
| Morton B. Collins Co. | 300 Birnie Ave. 31107 |
| MICHIGAN | LANSING |
| Lorenz Service Co. | 2500 S. Pennsylvania 48910 |
| | MOUNT CLEMENS |
| Power Equipment Dist. | 340 Hubbard 48043 |
| MINNESOTA | HOPKINS |
| Hance Distributing Inc. | 420 Excelsior Ave. W. 55343 |
| MISSOURI | EARTH CITY |
| Oscar Wilson Engine & Parts | 4159 Shoreline Dr. 33045 |
| | KANSAS CITY |
| Automotive Equip. Service | 3117 Holmes St. 64109 |
| Ross-Frazer Supply Co. | 8th and Monterey. 64503 |
| | ST. LOUIS |
| Henzler, Inc. | 2015 Lemay Ferry Rd. 63125 |
| NEW JERSEY | ALLOWAY |
| Piersons | Canal St. 08001 |
| NEW MEXICO | ALBUQUERQUE |
| Spitzer Eng. & Parts Co. | 1023 Third Ave. N.W. 87103 |

BRIGGS AND STRATTON, TECUMSEH AND PEERLESS PARTS AND SERVICE

Briggs & Stratton, Tecumseh and Peerless parts and service should be handled by your nearest authorized engine service firm. Check the yellow pages of your telephone directory under the listing **Engines—Gasoline**, Briggs & Stratton or Tecumseh Lauson.

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| NEW YORK | CARTHAGE |
| Gamble Dist., Inc. | West End Ave. 13619 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | GREENSBORO |
| Dixie Sales Company. | 335 N. Green 27402 |
| OHIO | CARROLL |
| Stebe's Mid-State Mower Supply | Box 366, 71 High St. 43112 |
| | CLEVELAND |
| Bleckrie, Inc. | 7900 Lorain Ave. 44102 |
| National Central | WADSWORTH |
| Burton Supply Co. | 687 Seville Rd. 44281 |
| | YOUNGSTOWN |
| | 1301 Logan Ave. Box 929 44501 |
| OREGON | PORTLAND |
| Kenton Supply Co. | 8216 N. Denver Ave. 97217 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | HARRISBURG |
| EECO Inc. | 4021 N. 6th St. 17110 |
| Thompson Rubber Co. | WILLOW GROVE |
| | 850 Davisville Rd. 19090 |
| Bluemont Co. | PITTSBURGH |
| Frank Roberts & Sons | 11125 Frankstown Rd. 15235 |
| | PUNXSUTAWNEY |
| Scranton Auto Ignition Co. | R.D. 2 15767 |
| TENNESSEE | SCRANTON |
| Ace Distributors | 1133-35 Wyoming Ave. 18500 |
| | KNOXVILLE |
| American Sales & Service, Inc. | 2103 Magnolia 37911 |
| TEXAS | MEMPHIS |
| Marr Brothers, Inc. | 3035-43 Bellbrook 38116 |
| | DALLAS |
| Woodson Sales Corp. | 423 E. Jefferson. 75203 |
| | FORT WORTH |
| Bullard Supply Co. | 6733 Baker Blvd. Hwy. 10 76118 |
| Engine House Inc. | HOUSTON |
| | 2409 Commerce St. 77003 |
| UTAH | SAN ANTONIO |
| Powered Products | 8610 Botts Lane P.O. Box 17867 78217 |
| VIRGINIA | SALT LAKE CITY |
| RBI Corp. | 1661 N. Beck St. 84116 |
| WASHINGTON | ASHLAND |
| Equip. Northwest | 101 Cedar Ridge Dr. 23005 |
| WISCONSIN | SEATTLE |
| Wisconsin Magneto Inc. | 1410 14th Ave. 98122 |
| | MILWAUKEE |
| | 4727 N. Teutonia St. 53209 |

WARRANTY PARTS AND SERVICE POLICY

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The purpose of warranty is to protect the customer from defects in workmanship and materials, defects which are NOT detected at the time of manufacture. It does not provide for the unlimited and unrestricted replacement of parts. Use and maintenance are the responsibility of the customer. The manufacturer cannot assume responsibility for conditions over which it has not control. Simply put, if it's the manufacturer's fault, it's the manufacturer's responsibility; if it's the customer's fault, it's the customer's responsibility.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY INCLUDES:

1. Replacement of Missing Parts on new equipment.
2. Replacement of Defective Parts within the warranty period.
3. Repair of Defects within the warranty period.

All claims MUST be substantiated with the following information:

1. Model Number, Serial Number and/or Data Code of unit involved.
2. Date unit was purchased or first put into service.
3. Date of Failure.
4. Nature of Failure.